



UP, UP, UP . . . Temperatures were taken hourly at Torrance Airport Thursday and Friday as the city suffered under the bright sun for the third straight day. Here, Harry Irving takes the reading for Friday afternoon. Irving reported the temperature hit a high of 101 Friday, but said some relief is expected over the weekend. (Herald Photo)



ON THE BEACH . . . Temperatures in Torrance soared to 108 Thursday and 101 Friday, sending hundreds of residents to Torrance Beach for the afternoon. This was the scene on the beach at 2 p.m. Friday, as students played hookey to relax on the hot sands, surf, or just swim. Weathermen have predicted a break in the heat wave over the weekend, with coastal areas expected to register temperatures 10 to 15 degrees below Friday's high of 101. Nevertheless, beaches were still crowded Saturday, and even larger crowds were expected today. (Herald Photo)

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**A Penny for your Thoughts**

After Friday's football game at North High, the Pennies photographer asked five North pep squad members, "Why did you go out for such activities as cheerleading and band?"

**Patti David, 3309 W. 180th St.:**  
"First I like to yell. It is a real good feeling to help push your team on, and it helps to promote school spirit. This is my first time as a cheerleader, and I like it, but my throat is hoarse a good part of the time."

**Kelly Sims, 18824 Cerise Ave.:**  
"I never did it before, and when I went out, I liked it. It's very interesting. Cheerleading is different, not like sports. Something different happens every day. You never really know when a water balloon will hit your megaphone!"

**Joyce Weekly, 18802 Font-hill Ave.:**  
"I think the main reason I tried cheerleading is that it seemed to be a real challenge. I always looked up to the cheerleaders so I tried it once and I liked it. It always is very exciting, too."

**Dennis Shoum, 17308 Yukon:**  
"I joined the band because I like music. I took music all during elementary school and decided to continue. It is fun, especially traveling with the football team to help push them on."

**Barbara Alexander:**  
"I went out for cheerleading because I thought it would be a lot of fun. It looked great to see someone else down on the field promoting pep and enthusiasm, so I thought I would try it. I also like to see the places we go and to meet the people."

# Gas Company Office Held Up By Bandits Who Flee on Foot

## Indictments Returned by Grand Jury

Eight men and two women arrested in a surprise raid here Sept. 6 on several Torrance area bars and restaurants by flying squads of district attorney's men have been indicted by the County Grand Jury on charges of conspiracy and bookmaking. An 11th man, arrested later, also was indicted.

## Police Jail Two in Area Robberies

An area-wide crime wave was believed solved this week with the arrest of two suspects by police in Seal Beach after the license number of a car used in a West Los Angeles robbery.

Police said the arrest of Kenneth Pryor Kail, 20, and Roger Coyde Peacock, 18, was made Tuesday by Los Angeles Detectives W. A. Louv and R. E. Byron. The arrests were believed to have solved 10 robberies in the area, including three in Torrance.

The three robberies in Torrance involved the Campisi Liquor Store, 3614 Pacific Coast Hwy.; the ABC Liquor Store, 3708 Sepulveda Blvd.; and Ed's Liquor Store, 4110 Sepulveda Blvd.

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Indictments were returned against the 11 persons following two days of hearings before the Grand Jury this week. Added to the original list of 10 arrested in Torrance, San Pedro, and Los Angeles following the raids was Everett C. Aigne, 53, of 1567 W. 214th St.

**OTHERS INDICTED** were Sidney Neveleff, 46, 25206 Loytan St.; Max Winsberg, 57, Los Angeles; Walter Vallivero, 51, San Pedro; Milford Clark, 45, 22305 Susana Ave.; Eddie Castline, 61, Redondo Beach; Sam Levine, 52, Los Angeles; Elizabeth B. Carrozza, 38, 22307 Kent Ave.; Barbara J. Honabarger, 24, Wilmington; George Thomas Penovaroff, 42, San Pedro; and Antonio Monti, 54, also of San Pedro.

Bail for Vallivero was set at \$20,000 and for all others it was set at \$10,000.

## Blind Boy Scout Seeks Ride Home

A blind Boy Scout, 9, who lives on Cypress Avenue in Lomita needs a ride home from Scout meetings held at the Braille Institute, 741 N. Vermont Ave., on Tuesdays, 4:30 to 5 p.m.

Volunteers should contact Betty Sinclair, NO 3-1111, ext. 20.

## Mercury Hits Record 108, Relief on Way

Somebody turn off the sunshine! That was the cry of Torrance residents suffering from one of the hottest heat spells on record this week as the mercury climbed to an official 108 on Thursday at the Torrance Municipal Airport. But the weatherman has promised relief over the weekend as low clouds and fog are expected to move into coastal areas.

The heat sent residents—many of them students playing hookey from classes—scurrying to the Torrance Beach in search of some relief. The beach was crowded Friday, and even larger crowds were on hand yesterday as Saturday brought a welcome two days away from the office.

The reading, recorded Thursday at the airport weather station, was reported as the highest official reading in Weather Bureau history. Prior to the skyrocketing of the mercury, the highest reading of the year was 93, recorded Sept. 11, 12, and 25. Friday's reading was pegged at 101.

At noon yesterday, Harry Irving reported the mercury stood at 98, indicating some relief might be on the way. A record of 110.5 was recorded in the downtown area by The HERALD on Sept. 1, 1955. The HERALD for Sept. 5, 1955, reported the high was reached at a little after noon before cooling ocean breezes dropped the temperature to a "comfortable 94."

Athletic activities in many schools were curtailed, and Los Angeles City Schools canceled all Friday afternoon football games—leaving West High out of action. The West Warriors were to have tangled with Carson High Friday afternoon. All other city football teams played night games in warmish stadiums.

At San Diego, several hundred thousand rabbits died from the heat, and in Los Angeles, absenteeism in schools ran between 30 and 50 per cent.

The official forecast for this area—low clouds and fog, expected to bring temperatures from 10 to 15 degrees cooler by this afternoon.

## Bound Clerk Discovered By Two Girls

Two bandits, politely assuring their victim that she wouldn't get hurt, held up the business office of the Southern California Gas Co. at 1340 Post Ave., Friday afternoon fleeing on foot with \$415 taken from the cash drawer and a floor safe.

Clerk Irene H. Williams, who was alone in the office shortly after 1 p.m., told officers the two men came in the office and asked about placing an order for turning off gas service, saying they were "going on a trip."

BEFORE MISS Williams had time to answer, one of the two men said "Okay, stand up . . . don't push any buttons, don't do anything."

He added that "you won't get hurt." She was given the same assurance a few moments later as one of the suspects took a cord from a sack he was carrying and bound her after forcing her to lie on the floor.

Taking the money from the cash drawer, the pair then forced Miss Williams to tell them where the key to the floor safe was kept, and opened that to obtain the currency it held.

THEY LEFT through the front door of the office, leaving the victim bound.

Two young girls, Claudia Stenson, 13 and Terry Redding, 12, entered the gas company office a few moments after the bandits had fled and discovered Miss Williams on the floor. They ran next door where Pat Dell and Melaine Mounger were summoned from the beauty shop to free the robbery victim.

After snipping the cords which held the clerk, the pair called police.

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## Banquet Honors Dr. Hull

Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools in Torrance, will be honored along with four other California educators at a special banquet at the Statler-Hilton Hotel Friday, Oct. 18.

Dr. Hull will receive the Freedoms Foundation's American Educators Medal during the award ceremonies. The superintendent was cited for his patriotic and untiring efforts on behalf of education.

In addition to Dr. Hull, Dr. C. C. Trillingham, Dr. Gerald A. Smith, Ellis W. Evers, and Frank B. Thornton will also receive their awards.

James A. Farley, vice chairman of the board of Freedoms Foundation, will be the featured speaker. Dr. Kenneth D. Wells, president of the foundation, will review the accomplishments of the five educators and present the awards.

## Sales Tax Revenues Up 15 Per Cent

Sales subject to California's three per cent sales tax—increased by 15 per cent over last year in Torrance, according to a report released this week by the State Board of Equalization.

Taxable sales in the city were \$37,981,000 for the second quarter of 1963, compared to \$33,025,000 for the same period last year.

Among California cities with sales of \$25 million during the quarter, Torrance ranked second in percentage increases. Only Pomona, which registered a 17.6 per cent increase, topped the city.

## Reserve Police Plan Before Council

City council members will be asked to place reserve police officers on the city payroll at a rate of \$1 a year by City Manager Wade Peebles at Tuesday's council meeting.

The move is being made, according to Peebles, to overcome an opinion of Attorney General Stanley Mosk which declares that reserve officers are not classified as peace officers.

At the present time, Torrance reserve officers aid regular police forces at special events or when additional forces are needed. The attorney general's opinion means that reserve officers, when on duty, cannot make arrests on charges of resisting arrest, escaping, or assaulting a police officer, since they are not classed as peace officers.

Such difficulties are overcome by the Los Angeles Sheriff's Office and the Los Angeles Police Department by paying reserve officers \$1 per year, says Peebles.

The city manager also said insurance costs would be increased for the reserve officers, but noted the small added costs would "be infinitesimal compared to the trained personnel on hand to supplement the Police Department in all functions."

Children's Films  
Three children's films will be presented at the Torrance Library, 1345 Post, Saturday, at 10:30 a.m.

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